

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concern over the atrocities that recently occurred at this year's pride parade in Istanbul, Turkey.

For years, the Turkish LGBT community and their supporters have been able to partake in one of the few permitted pride parades in the Muslim world, but this year this peaceful parade was broken up when police dispersed the parade with tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannons, reminiscent of the worst full countertactics of the American civil rights movement.

LGBT pride gatherings are peaceful, focusing on love and solidarity and the human rights of all people, including LGBT people, which is a stark contrast to the unnecessary and brutal violence endured by those parade-goers.

This past May I had the opportunity to visit the brave LGBT activists in Turkey and to speak to them about their hopes for a better community.

As a member of the LGBT community and of the Congressional Equality Caucus, I am deeply disturbed by the way in which such a positive festival was received by the Turkish Government.

Turkey has long expressed, by its commitments to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, its dedication to freedom of assembly and freedom of speech. Turkey is a NATO ally. Its actions are at odds with these previous commitments to freedom.

I am urging this Congress to join me in condemning these actions. Today we will send a letter signed by more than 50 Members of this body to the Turkish Ambassador, expressing our outrage by these actions and our support of the Turkish people.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD'S SALE OF FETAL TISSUE

(Mrs. LOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOVE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before this body because I am outraged at the recent revelation by a Planned Parenthood director who speaks on video about harvesting an unborn baby's body parts to sell.

She details the horrific and barbaric practice of aborting babies in such a cold, casual way as to preserve certain body parts for sale.

Mr. Speaker, this is an organization that receives Federal funds to do their work. Is this what the taxpayers are paying for? Is this what they asked for? No.

Given Planned Parenthood's official comments on video and the list of serious questions that are raised, I am calling for a full congressional investigation.

I demand information about Planned Parenthood's donation of fetal tissue for research or for any other purpose

and for Federal funds to be completely withdrawn.

This is not over. We will press on. I will continue to remind this body that we work for the American people—not the other way around—that we swore to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, and we will preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

This is un-American and absolutely unacceptable.

FETAL TISSUE TRAFFICKING

(Mr. HUELSKAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUELSKAMP. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year Members of Congress stood on this House floor and condemned the evils of trafficking humans, especially the exploitation of women and children who are treated as commodities to be bought, used, and disposed of.

And we then walked the talk, refusing to turn a blind eye to these horrors, and passed sweeping reforms to combat and end this egregious human rights abuse.

Now we must urgently act again. Abortion giant Planned Parenthood has exposed itself as a perpetrator of another shocking form of trafficking: the illegal selling and buying of baby body parts and intact organs.

That is right. It is not enough that Planned Parenthood kills babies in the womb. No. It has to profit off the death of its victims by first dismembering these unborn children and then selling their organs piece by piece to the highest bidder.

Enough is enough. We will investigate this unlawful, barbaric practice and bring an end to these horrifying abuses.

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HONORING THE NEW HORIZONS MISSION

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate NASA's New Horizons mission. Yesterday, after traveling more than 3 billion miles, the New Horizons probe passed just 7,800 miles from the surface of Pluto.

Pluto was discovered in 1930 by a 24-year-old astronomer from my home State of Illinois. In 2006, NASA launched New Horizons in an effort to learn more about Pluto, the Kuiper belt, and the formation of our solar system. Yesterday, New Horizons sent us back our first closeup pictures of Pluto's surface.

Mr. Speaker, the New Horizons mission is a great success for NASA. Not only will we learn great things about our solar system, but I hope that these

pictures will serve to inspire a new generation of astronomers and physicists.

America's future relies on a strong and robust program of science, technology, engineering, and math education, or STEM, and I hope that the success of this mission will encourage more students to follow that path.

FORT HOOD

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, as a representative from the 25th Congressional District of Texas, it is my pleasure to represent Fort Hood in the United States Congress.

From its state-of-the-art training facilities to its experienced leadership and world-renowned reputation, Fort Hood demonstrates 21st century training for the 21st century soldier. Fort Hood is a treasure of Texas, but it is also the gold standard for the Army, the Department of Defense, and our Nation's overall national security posture.

Last week, in an address to the National Commission on the Future of the Army, I presented my thoughts on the recent troop reduction announcement and how it relates to Fort Hood.

If sequestration takes effect in October as planned, the U.S. Army will have to cut 30,000 soldiers in addition to the 40,000 soldiers that will be removed from ranks over the next 2 years. At this level, our military may not be able to commit to current deployments, let alone successfully take on new challenges.

Mr. Speaker, with the expansion of ISIS in Syria and Iraq, the instability of governments in the Middle East, and an aggressive Russia and China, I do not believe this is the time to be cutting our Army to pre-World War II levels.

Mr. Speaker, Fort Hood is a resilient community made up of the finest soldiers I have ever met. They have been dealt some serious challenges in recent years, and each time, they have overcome them.

Fort Hood is the Great Place; even so, Mr. Speaker, it is imperative this Congress relieves the strain the sequester has put on Fort Hood and our entire military. It is not fair for our brave men and women to suffer the consequences of our inability to properly govern.

I would like to express my gratitude to Fort Hood, the Department of the Army, our soldiers and their families, and fellow Texans.

May God bless our troops; may God bless the Great Place, and God bless the United States of America.

In God We Trust.

THE WAR ON POVERTY

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1